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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

SIR:

Prior to an action on the merits, please consider the following remarks.

This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/844,350, in which a Notice of Allowance was mailed on November 23, 2001.

Claims 1 through 12 are pending. Claim 1, the only independent claim, corresponds to allowed claim 1 of the parent application, differing from that claim only in its recitation of the length-to-diameter range. Support for the length-to-diameter range of claim 1 is found at page 9, lines 24-29 of the specification. That paragraph discloses a plate cylinder having a length between 1200 mm and 1700 mm, and a circumference of 470 mm to 650 mm. The lowest length-to-diameter ratio within those ranges is achieved at a length of 1200 mm and a circumference of 650 mm, yielding a length-to-diameter ratio of 5.8:1, which is the lower bound

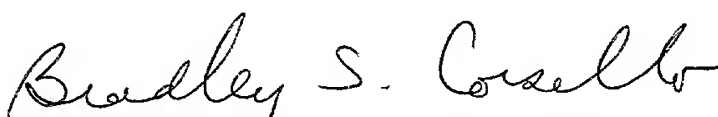
of the range recited in claim 1. The upper bound of 9:1 is expressly recited at line 12. Claims 2-12 of the present application all depend ultimately upon claim 1, and correspond to the allowed dependent claims of the parent application.

Like the claims of the parent application, the presently pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (212) 425-7200 to discuss any matter relating to this application.

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